Mr. P. Govinda Menon: May I know whether the Diwan's position in the Railway Board is by virtue of his Office?

Mr. President: Ex-officio.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Will the Government be pleased to consider this question and prepare a separate budget at least in future for our railway?

Mr. President: I do not think under the agreement we are entitled to ask that.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: Is our Diwan consulted before the railway budget is prepared?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Has the Government any objection to demand that to the Railway Management?

Mr. President: We are bound by the agreement.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Does the agreement thoroughly bar us even in making that demand?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: They incur the expenditure and we pay. But whenever any capital expenditure has to be incurred, we scrutinise such expenditure.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: May I know the services rendered by the Diwan in his position on the Railway Advisory Committee.

Mr. President: The Railway Advisory Board has nothing to do with the railway accounts. It is a non-official body in which representation is given to various bodies such as Chambers of Commerce, and the Cochin Government have also a place in that body in virtue of the Shoranur-Ernakulam Railway in order to enable them to make any representation to the railway administration on behalf of this Government. These representations are made only in connection with the conveniences to passengers.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: How do Railway Authorities determine our share of revenue?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: I ask the hon'ble member to refer to the agreement itself. A copy of the agreement has been placed on the Table.

ACCOUNTS—STATE RAILWAY—AUDIT OF.

56. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the State Railway accounts are audited by any of our Government Officers and if so, have at any time any discrepancies been pointed out in the Railway accounts by such officers?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

TRADE UNIONS—REGISTRATION OF.

57. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of Trade Unions registered under the Cochin Trade Unions Act?

Mr. P. J. George: The following Trade Unions have been registered under the Cochin Trade Unions Act:

(1) The Stencilling Factory Workers' Union, Azhikkal;

(2) The Malabar Hotel Employees' Union, Willingdon Island, Mattancheri;

(3) The Motor Thozhilali Union, Ernakulam.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: What is the registration fees derived?

Mr. P. J. George: I have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: How many applications for registration are still pending?

Mr. P. J. George: I have no information.

Mr. V. K. Kutty: ട്രേഡ് യൂണിയൻ രജിസ്ട്രേ ചെയ്യാൻ പ്രത്യേകം അപേക്ഷ വേണോ?

Mr. P. J. George: വേണം.

Mr. President: Any association can be registered by the Registrar of Joint-Stock Companies. They have to satisfy him. That is all. Anybody can go to the Registrar and get the association registered.

Dr. A. R. Menon: The Government have nothing to do with that?

Mr. P. J. George: No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Whether any application is now pending before the Trade Union Commissioner?

Mr. P. J. George: We have no information.

EDUCATIONAL CONCESSIONS—MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE—GRANT OF.

58. Mr. C. J. Luiz: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any educational concessions are being given to the minority communities in the State; and if so, what they are;

(*b*) whether the Anglo-Indian community is now included among the minority communities to whom such concessions are extended; if not, why;

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